I REMEMBER BELIEVING THE GUARDIANS WERE LETTING EVERYTHING I CARED ABOUT *DIE*--
--SO I'D FOCUS ON MY DUTY TO MY *SECTOR* INSTEAD OF MY *HOME*. IT SOUNDS INSANE, BUT IT SEEMED TO MAKE SENSE BACK THEN.
I RIPPED THROUGH TOMAR-TU AND A DOZEN OTHER CORPS MEMBERS TO GET TO OA.
I STOLE THEIR POWER RINGS AND LEFT THEM FOR DEAD.
THEN I OBLITERATED THE CENTRAL POWER BATTERY AND FREED THE IMPURITY.
I UNLEASHED *PARALLAX* FROM HIS PRISON.
AND LIKE A PARASITE, HE TOOK ME ON AS A *HOST*.
I SPENT YEARS UNDER HIS INFLUENCE.
I NEARLY TORE APART THE UNIVERSE.
UNTIL I DISCOVERED THE TRUTH ABOUT PARALLAX, AND WITH SOME HELP, I FINALLY BROKE FREE.
HEY, JORDAN!

YA GOTTA SNAP OUT OF IT, PAL.
IT'S ALL HISTORY. COAST CITY'S REBUILT. THE FEAR-EATER IS BACK WHERE HE BELONGS-- SAFE AND SOUND IN THE CENTRAL POWER BATTERY.
YOU GOT NOTHIN' TO WORRY ABOUT.
NONE OF THAT CHANGES WHAT HAPPENED, GUY.
BUT NOTHIN' WILL.
IF TOMAR-TU'S ALIVE, THE OTHERS COULD BE TOO.
I HAVE TO TRY TO FIND THEM. I HAVE TO BRING THEM HOME.
I HAVE TO FIGURE OUT SOME WAY TO SET THINGS RIGHT.
WASN'T THAT YOUR PROBLEM IN THE FIRST PLACE, EARTHMAN?
BMMMP
YOU GOT A LOT OF NERVE SHOWIN' YOUR FACE AROUND HERE AFTER EVERYTHING YOU DONE.

I DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE.
NO ONE YOU BETRAYED OVER DID, EITHER.
ONE OF THE OFFICERS YOU LEFT TO DIE WAS MY PREDECESSOR. KE'HAAN. SECTOR 786.
AFTER HIS RING RECRUITED ME, I HAD TO GO TO HIS WIFE AN' FAMILY. GIVE 'EM THE NEWS.
BUT I MADE THEM A PROMISE.
KLANG
PROMISED I'D TAKE OUT THE SORRY IDIOT WHO DID IT.
HEY, JACKASS.

KRAK
YOU JUST RUINED MY LUNCH!
EARTHMEN. THEY SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER TO THE POINT OF IRRATIONALITY.
WHY DO YOU PROTECT JORDAN, GARDNER? HE BETRAYED THE CORPS.
AND NOW SO DO YOU!
HELLUVA DAY.
THEY RUSH US.
I'M ABOUT TO CUT LOOSE...
YOU'RE ASKIN' FOR A WORLD OF HURT, ROOKIE.

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...UNTIL I FEEL HIS FOOTSTEPS THUNDER IN. AND THE HISS OF HIM TAKING A BREATH.
THE BIG GUY JUST WALKED IN.
HEY!
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?
KILOWOG.
I TRAIN YOU TO WASTE YOUR RING SLINGIN' ON EACH OTHER?
SORRY, KILOWOG.
SORRY WILL NOT EXCUSE YOUR ACTIONS, HOROQ NNOT OF SECTOR 885. NOR YOU, TURYTT OF SECTOR 786.
EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THIS RIDICULOUS MESS HAS JUST EARNED SEVENTY DEMERITS.
SEVENTY?!
AND IN THE CENTER OF ALL OF THIS...
...I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN.
GUY GARDNER.
TRY THE CHICKEN TODAY, SALAAK. IT'S EXTRA CRISPY.
CLEAN YOURSELF UP, JORDAN...

"...THE GUARDIANS WILL SEE YOU NOW."
...AND THE OTHERS COULD STILL BE ALIVE.
I WANT TO ORGANIZE A STRIKE FORCE TO CHECK IT OUT.
WHAT PROOF DO YOU HAVE THAT THESE MISSING CORPS MEMBERS SURVIVED YOUR ONSLAUGHT, GREEN LANTERN 2814.17
I HAVE A FEELING IN MY GUT.
HIS... GUT?
IT IS SOMETHING THE EARTHMEN CALL THEIR INSTINCT.
OH, YES. INSTINCT. LOW-LEVEL ORGANICS ARE RIPE WITH IT.
IT'S A BARBARIC FORM OF TELEPATHY.
THESE LOST LANTERNS ARE MY RESPONSIBILITY.
THEY ARE ALSO OUTSIDE YOUR SECTOR. YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER OF THE HONOR GUARD LIKE YOUR FELLOW EARTHMAN, GUY GARDNER.
THEN LET GUY COME WITH ME. HE'S ALREADY VOLUNTEERED.
TOMAR-TU'S POINT OF ORIGIN WAS OUTSIDE OUR APPOINTED SECTORS.
HE WAS HELD PRISONER BEYOND OUR UNIVERSE.
SECTOR 3601.
THE BLACKEST NIGHT.

NO LIFE COULD SURVIVE SECTOR 3601, SAVE THE ARTIFICIAL EXISTENCE OF THE MANHUNTERS.
IT IS WHY THEY RETREATED THERE, AND IF WE DO NOT DISTURB THEM, WHY THEY WILL STAY THERE.
YOU BUILT THE MANHUNTERS TO PATROL THIS UNIVERSE BEFORE YOU CREATED THE CORPS.
THEY REBELLED.
YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND GUILT. I NEED TO DO THIS--
ENOUGH.
WE DENY YOUR REQUEST, GREEN LANTERN 2814.1.
YOU ARE MUCH TOO PERSONALLY INVESTED IN THIS MISSION. WE WILL ORGANIZE OUR OWN STRIKE FORCE AS SOON AS TIME PERMITS.
ONE THAT WILL NOT ACT EMOTIONALLY AND THREATEN WAKING THE DORMANT MANHUNTERS.
WHAT?
WHAT IF THEY AREN'T DORMANT? WHAT IF THEY'RE PLANNING SOMETHING?
TOMAR-TU ESCAPED FOR A REASON.
WE WERE TOLD HE ESCAPED IN AN ATTEMPT TO INFLICT REVENGE ON YOU, HAL JORDAN.
YOU WILL RETURN TO YOUR DUTIES IN SPACE SECTOR 2814 IMMEDIATELY.
AND PLEASE--
--TRY NOT TO CAUSE ANY MORE TROUBLE AMONG THE ROOKIES.
IT IS UNAPPRECIATED.

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HEY! JORDAN!
SO WHAT'D THE SMURFS SAY?
WHAT DO YOU THINK THEY SAID?
THEY SAID TO GO.
YIPPEE KI YEA.

LE LOUVRE, PARIS.
TWINS.
I LOVE TWINS.
THEY MAKE EVERYTHING TWICE AS FUN.
WE HAVE OUR TALENTS.
I SEE THAT, DOUBLE DARE.
YOU AND YOUR SISTER HAVE ACQUIRED QUITE A FEW TREASURES FROM THE PEOPLE OF PARIS.
WE'RE REDECORATING OUR APARTMENT.
YOU HAVE GOOD TASTE.
SLASH
VERY GOOD TASTE.

SKRAK
UNN!
QUI?
YOU MUST BE THE NEW CRIMSON FOX.
I AM FREEDOM BEAST.
SOUTH AFRICA'S REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GLOBAL GUARDIANS.
AND I AM THEIR LEADER.
WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU.
FRANCE'S NEWEST HERO WILL BE A WELCOME ADDITION TO OUR TEAM.
THE GLOBAL GUARDIANS REPRESENT THE UNITY THAT CAN BE ACHIEVED AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD.
SAVE THE SALES PITCH, JET.
I'VE SEEN YOUR PRESS CONFERENCES. YOU'RE CONSTANTLY THREATENING THE GREEN LANTERN FOR DOING HIS JOB.
GREEN LANTERN WAS A FRIEND OF MY PREDECESSORS. THAT MAKES HIM A FRIEND OF MINE. SO LET ME MAKE THIS EASY.
NO.
I'M AFRAID YOU MISUNDERSTAND, CRIMSON FOX.
YOU HAVE NO CHOICE IN THE MATTER.
YOU ARE NOW A MEMBER OF THE GLOBAL GUARDIANS.

THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH AMERICA.
CHECHNYA BUSINESS IS NOT YOURS! YET YOU BOMB OUR CAMPS. KILL OUR BROTHERS.
RUSSIAN FEDERALISTS HAVE ALREADY KILLED THOUSANDS OF OUR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.
WE WILL NOT STOP UNTIL WE KILL THOUSANDS OF THEIRS.
AND NOW YOURS.
IN THIS WAR, THERE CAN BE NO PRISONERS
DESTINATION.
HIBERNATION MODE DISENGAGED.
HOW LONG WERE WE OUT?
'BOUT TEN HOURS. YOU OKAY? YOU LOOK A LITTLE RATTLED
I'M FINE. WE'RE HERE?
ON THE EDGE OF SECTOR 3600. IT'S AS FAR AS THE RINGS ARE PROGRAMMED TO TAKE US. GOTTA GO MANUAL THE REST OF THE WAY
LOOK AT IT...
...I DON'T SEE A SINGLE DAMN STAR OUT THERE.
I DOWNLOADED TOMAR-TU'S FLIGHT PATH
RING.
LIGHT THE WAY TO HIS POINT OF ORIGIN

THERE IT IS
THAT'S THE MANHUNTER HOMEWORLD?
THEY CALL IT BIOT.
LOOKS LIKE A FACTORY.
I'M GETTING SEVERAL LIFE SIGNATURES DOWN THERE. THEY'RE FAINT BUT...
BETTER DOWN IT DOWN.
SEE IF WE CAN SNEAK IN AND OUT
HOW MANY MANHUNTERS YOU THINK THEY GOT AROUND HERE?
SIGNIFICANT LIFE SIGNS REGISTERED

I'D SAY LOTS.

PRIMARY DIRECTIVE ACTIVE
TERMINATE ALL LIFE
NO MAN ESCAPES THE MAN
THOOM
THEY'RE FRESH, COMIN' R GHT OFF THE ASSEMBLY LINE.
HELL, SOME OF 'EM AREN'T EVEN FINISHED.
THE WALLS AND FLOOR GLISTEN WITH SYNTHETIC OIL AS OUR RINGS FLASH LIKE GUNS.
THEN I SMELL T.
I LOOK CLOSER
T ISN'T OIL THAT'S RUNNING THROUGH THESE TUBES.
IT'S BLOOD.
GUY, STOP!

THEY'RE BLEEDING.
THEY'RE WHAT?
THEY'RE BLEEDING.
THEY'RE ANDROIDS.
I MET ONE OF THE NEW MODELS LAST YEAR. HAD A FEW NEW BELLS AND WHISTLES ADDED ON.
INITIATING POWER RETRIEVAL
LIKE A POWER BATTERY FOR A SKULL
OUR RINGS ARE GOING TO BE DRAINED IN SECONDS IF WE DON'T MOVE
POWER LEVELS 35.4%.
POWER LEVELS 24.3%.
SONNUVA--
WHOOSH
EAT UP, YA TIN CANS!
C'MON!
FOLLOW THE PIPELINE.
DOWN--

WHAT THE HELL D'D THEY DO TO THEM?
I DON'T KNOW.
WHO'S SHE?
LAIRA. SECTOR 112
HER FATHER WAS A GREEN LANTERN WHO WENT RENEGADE. SHE FOLGHT HIM UNTIL HIS DEATH.
SHE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO TRY TO STOP ME ON MY WAY TO OA.
YOU KNOW KREON. SECTOR 2002.
HE WAS A WAR GENERAL. ONE OF THE BEST IN THE UNIVERSE.
I RECRUITED HIM. I TRAINED HIM.
FZZAK FZZAZK
AND YOU BETRAYED HIM.
FZZAK-FZZAK
ARRGH!
JUST LIKE SINESTRO BETRAYED YOU.
HAL?!
LIFE IS AN ENDLESS CYCLE OF BETRAYAL AND MURDER AND PAIN.
I ENDED THAT HIDEOUS THING CALLED LIFE FOR SO MANY WHEN I DESTROYED COAST CITY
YOU TRIED TO KILL ME FOR IT.

BUT I FORGIVE YOU, HAL JORDAN

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OA.
THE CRYPTS OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS
ENTOMB NG ALL THE OFFICERS I DO. IT'S NICE TO PUT A FIRE OUT INSTEAD OF SPARK NG UP A NEW ONE
TOMAR-TU'S COFF N WAS EMPTY ANYHOW. BUT MOST OF 'EM ARE.
SKASH
BODIES ARE INCINERATED IN BATTLE. OTHERS EATEN. SOME BURIED AND LOST OFF PLANET LIKE ARISIA OVER THERE.
YEAH.
POOR KID
JUST HOPE THE RUMORS ABOUT KE'HAAN AND THE OTHERS ARE TRUE... THAT THE TROOPS THAT DEFENDED OA DURING JORDAN'S BREAK-DOWN ARE STILL ALIVE.
JORDAN IS OUT OF CONTROL AGAIN, MORRO
WHAT ARE YA BARKIN' ABOUT, SALAAK?
THE GUARD ANS SAID THEY DENIED H S REQUEST TO TRAVEL TO THE MANHUNTER HOMEWORLD, YET JORDAN'S RING JUST WENT OFF-MAP ON THE EDGE OF SECTOR 3600
ALONG W TH GUY GARDNER'S.
WE GOT GOOD MEN AND WOMEN THAT COULD STILL BE OUT THERE. AND IT'S JORDAN S DUTY, ASS GNED SECTOR OR NOT.
HE DISOBEYED A DIRECT ORDER AGA N. HE'S ON THE VERGE OF A DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE.
ONLY IF THE GLARD ANS NOTICE.
KILOWOG. IT'S MY JOB TO MAKE SURE THEY NOTICE.

LIFE ISN'T ALWAYS KIND.
SOMETIMES IT RIPS THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE AWAY FROM YOU.
THAT CAN CREATE PAIN. PAIN CAN CREATE FEAR. FEAR CAN CREATE HATE.
T HAPPENED TO ME
ALSO HAPPENED TO ANOTHER PILOT.
HIS NAME IS HANK HENSHAW.

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HENSHAW AND HIS WIFE SPENT THEIR LIVES TRYING TO FLY TO THE STARS. ONCE THEY ESCAPED EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE THAT DREAM BECAME A NIGHTMARE
THEY WERE EXPOSED TO SOME KIND OF RADIOACTIVE ENERGY. EVERYONE ON BOARD EVENTUALLY DIED
BUT SOMEHOW HENSHAW'S CONSCIOUSNESS SURVIVED WITHIN THE COMPUTERS HIS BODY HAD MELTED IN FRONT OF
HE NEEDED SOMEONE TO HATE FOR WHAT HAD HAPPENED
HE CHOSE SUPERMAN
HE FUSED HIS MIND WITH KRYPTONIAN TECH AND CREATED A NEW BODY-- PART FLESH, PART METAL.
HE NUKED COASTAL CITY IN SUPERMAN'S NAME
AND IN THE FALLOUT, ANOTHER MONSTER WAS CREATED.
I BECAME PARALLAX.
I TRIED TO EXECUTE HENSHAW FOR MURDERING SEVEN MILLION PEOPLE
I FAILED
YEARS LATER, I WOKE UP FROM MY NIGHTMARE.

HENSHAW NEVER HAS.
NOW HE HATES L FE.
JUST LIKE THE GUARDIANS' OUT DATED MECHAN CA_ WATCHDOGS--THE MANHUNTERS.
YER THE ONE CONTROLLIN' THE ROBOTS NOW, HUH? THE B G SCARY "CYBORG-SUPERMAN."
F I HAD A POWER RING FOR EVERY T ME SOME BADASS TR ED TO BE BADDER BY WEAR N' THAT "S", I'D BE A ONE-MAN GREEN LANTERN CORPS
KRAAKK ZZZ
GUY GARDNER.
WHAT DO YOU THINK I AM?
BOOOM

TRY EAT N' THESE, YA HUNK O' JUNK.
NO, THANK YOU
FWOOM
CHOOM
WHOOM
BLEED.
KRAK
I TRY TO FORM A FIST, BUT MY MUSCLES DON'T RESPOND. PROBABLY BECAUSE A FEW HAVE BEEN SEVERED.
HENSHAW BURNED A HALF DOZEN HOLES RIGHT THROUGH ME.
RING STITCH ME UP QUICK.
NO MAN ESCAPED THE MANHUNTERS.
GREEN LANTERN 2814.X WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE CENTRAL POWER BATTERY LIKE THE OTHERS
NO. TAKE GUY GARDNER TO THE HIGH-MASTERS.
KRAKK
NNN.

WHAT OF THIS ONE, GRANDMASTER? ANOTHER POWER SOURCE?
ANOTHER EXPERIMENT IN OUR EVOLUTION.
HAL JORDAN IS THE ULTIMATE TEST SUBJECT-- THE MISTAKES HE'S MADE, THE FAULTS IN HIS MIND AND HEART
ORGANICS LACK THE PROGRAMMING THAT KEEPS THEM FROM DOING THE WRONG THING.
I INTEND TO CORRECT THAT WITH OUR WILLHUNTERS.
WARNING NANITE BIO-INVASION DETECTED
FOR MILLENNIA THE MANHUNTERS HAVE TRIED TO ERADICATE LIFE, BUT THEIR MISSION HAS CHANGED THANKS TO ME.
FWIP
FWIP
FWIP
FWIP
FWIP
ARGGHH!
TK
WE DO NOT NEED TO ERADICATE LIFE..
N-N-NO MAN ESCAPES...
..WE JUST NEED TO CONTROL IT
THE MANHUNTERS.

.. THEY EXIST INDEPENDENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND THEIR META-HUMAN BUREAU CHECKMATE, TO SET AN EXAMPLE TO THE WORLD.
METAMORPHO CORPS
SANDSTORM CORPS
GLOSS CRIME
JET JOCKEYS
META HUMANS FROM ACROSS THE EARTH CAN WORK TOGETHER WE CAN ACT RESPONSIBLY.
BUT GREEN LANTERN CANNOT HIS ACTIONS HAVE FORCED DOZENS OF POLITICAL LEADERS TO UPHOLD THE FREEDOM OF POWER TREATY
THE FUTURE OF META-HUMAN RIGHTS IS AT HAND AND IF HE THREATENS IT AGAIN, HE WILL ANSWER TO US.
I'D LIKE TO CLOSE BY SAYING ONCE AGAIN--
CMN
WHAT AN HONOR IT IS TO BE NAMED THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE GLOBAL GUARDIANS.
DIAL.
NAME?
OLIVER QUEEN.
LONDON.
"I WANT THIS JOB"

SIX HUNDRED FEET BELOW THE THAMES RIVER.
I NEED THIS JOB, LORAGG
I'VE TAKEN ON A HALF DOZEN LANTERNS AT ONE TIME, INCLUDING THE EARTHMAN YOUR BOSS IS LOOKING FOR
YOU DOUBLE THE PRICE ON HAL JORDAN'S HEAD AND I'LL BRING IT TO YOU WHILE IT'S STILL WARM.
THE PRICE MY CLIENT'S WILLING TO PAY IS ALREADY TEN TIMES WHAT YOU'RE WORTH, FLICKER
YOU'VE BEEN CHASING YOUR OWN TAIL EVER SINCE THAT SLAVE RING OP WAS BUSTED UP BY THE JUSTICE LEAGUE.
'S DES. I TOLD YOU, I'M ALREADY WAITING FOR SOMEONE.
A HUNTER FROM ZULUN HAS ACCEPTED THE CONTRACT.
FROM ZULUN? THAT PLANET FULL OF ANIMALS?
WHO IS IT?
ME.

HUNGER DOG.
I TAKE H.M DOWN AND THE JOB'S M NE DEAL, ORAGG?
SURE WHY NOT?
NOTH N PERS
SWASH
REP BACK, AN MAL.
WHAT YOU WILL NEED IS A DOCTOR.
FAD
AAH!
NOTHING PERSONAL.
KRASH
SHUNK
ARRH!
HAPPY HUNTING.

I SEE IMAGES FLICKER IN FRONT OF MY EYES
REGRETS ECHO IN MY EARS.
D SOBEYING MY MOTHER AND BECOMING A P..OT. RUNN NG AWAY TO JOIN THE AIR FORCE
HITTING THE ROAD WHEN I THOUGHT I WAS FA.. NG FOR CARO.. FERRIS AVOIDING COMMITMENT.
NOT WEAR NG MY RING WHEN I FLY WATCHING COWG RL BECOME A PRISONER BECAUSE OF T.
AND THEN ARISIA.
I WAS TAKEN BY PARA..AX WHEN SHE WAS ATTACKED BY A VI..AIN NAMED MAJOR FORCE
K LLED AND BUR ED
MY R NG MURMURS TO ME THROUGH THE HUSH OF STATIC. THE W LLHUNTERS ARE FILTER NG MY SYNAPSES. THEY'RE READING ALL OF MY MISTAKES.
THEY'RE... REPROGRAMM NG MY...BRAIN...CAN'T...TH NK...TOO MANY M STAKES...MISTAKES
PEOPLE MAKE MISTAKES, HAL.
FORG VE YOURSELF FOR THAT.
JUST AS I FORGIVE YOU!

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I FORGIVE YOU FOR TRY NG TO DESTROY ME.
IF YOU HADN'T ATTEMPTED TO MURDER ME AT THE EDGE OF THE UNIVERSE, I NEVER WOULD HAVE MADE CONTACT WITH THE MANHUNTERS.
I NEVER WOULD HAVE FOUND MY INSTRUMENT TO SALVAGE THE ABSURDITY OF LIFE
MY MIND BURNS-- BUT I'M.. AWAKE
THE WILLHUNTERS FLOW NG THROUGH MY VEINS
I CAN FEEL THEM FIGHTING FOR MY BRAIN. TRY NG TO REGULATE THE FLOW OF ELECTRIC TY.
TRY NG TO ALTER MY THOUGHTS.
AND WHAT WE CAN T CONTROL, WE'LL DESTROY. WITH THE GREEN LANTERNS' HELP.
I BURN THEM AWAY ONE BY ONE
AND I CAN F NALLY MAKE A FIST.
I APPRECIATE THE INVITE TO JO N YOUR L TTLE GROUP, HENSHAW

BUT I ALREADY BELONG TO A FEW
KRRK SHHH
A PLANET OF MANHUNTERS AND GUY'S GONE.
I NEED BACKUP
THE LOST LANTERNS
I GO FOR THE STRONG MAN FIRST.
HIS LUNG KICK-STARTS AS I INCINERATE THE NANITES FLOWING THROUGH IT.
HE OPENS HIS EYES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS TO SEE A FLEET OF MANHUNTERS.
THE AIR AROUND HIS RING WARPS LIKE A HOT HIGHWAY.

KE'HAAN IS AWAKE.
HE WAS KILOWOG'S SECOND IN COMMAND HE TRAINED ROOKIES TOO, BUT WITHOUT THE JOKES.
MORE ROOKIE LANTERNS FLUNKED OUT OR QUIT UNDER KE'HAAN THAN ANYONE ELSE--
BOOM
--BUT THE OFFICERS THAT MADE IT TURNED OUT TO BE SOME OF THE TOUGHEST CORPS MEMBERS THIS UNIVERSE HAS SEEN
LIKE LAIRA, KE'HAAN'S PRIZE PUPIL.
WHIRR
CHIK CHAKK
SOME SAY THE TWO HAD A THING, BUT KE'HAAN HAD A FAMILY
AND IF YOU KNEW EITHER ONE OF THEM AT ALL, EVEN IF THOSE FEELINGS WERE THERE, THEY BOTH BELIEVED IN ONE THING AS MUCH AS THE CORPS.
HONOR.

LAIRA'S NEVER LOOKS AT HER TARGET
SO EVERY ATTACK S A SURPRISE
EVERY MOVEMENT A WORK OF ART
CHANCE S THE ONLY GREEN LANTERN WHO S BEEN REPRIMANDED MORE T MES THAN G.OY
WHERE THE HELLZ ARE WE? AND WHO GOT BLOOD ON MY DAMN FIGHT COAT?
WH LE HONNU ALWAYS PREFERRED THE HANDS-ON APPROACH. HE USES HIS RING AS A LAST RESORT
MANHUNTERS FUN
I M NOT SURE I'VE EVER SEEN HIM FIRE IT
GRAF TOREN S A KARAX AN LIGHT MONK HE SPENT MOST OF HIS LIFE TEARING THROUGH THE SPIDER GU LD AFTER THEY CONSUMED A HOLY PLANET IN HIS SECTOR
T S WHY HE WEAVES H S RING ..KE A SPIDER WEAVES H S WEB
GENERAL KREON S ONE OF THE GREATEST AND MOST DEC SIVE WAR LEADERS IN THE UNIVERSE YOU NEVER SEE A BEAM FROM H S RING
THE CONSTRUCT S JUST ON OR OFF H S MIND S THAT FAST
I HELPED BRING H M INTO THE CORPS AND WITH PARALLAX S HELP I TOOK HIM OUT OF T
JUST L KE THE THREE HUNDRED-YEAR OLD WARRIOR FROM BELLATRIX--
--BOODIKKA
MY RING...
WHERE S MY RING..?
SHE S M SSING HER RIGHT HAND
BECAUSE I CUT IT OFF
LET ME HELP-
YOU.
HE'S HERE, KREON! HAL JORDAN IS HERE!
WHERE HAVE YOU TAKEN US, JORDAN?
I DIDN'T TAKE YOU ANYWHERE! WE'RE ON THE MANHUNTER HOMEWORLD
THEN THE GUARDIANS ARE RIGHT! YOU HAVE CLOSED YOUR HEART TO THE LIGHT.
RENEGADE
T ME HASN T PASSED FOR THEM
FOR ALL THEY KNOW

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--OUR FIGHT'S JUST BEGUN.

KRAKOOM
HOLD YOUR POSITIONS.
I VE ACTIVATED THE HIGHMASTERS.
THEY WON'T GET FAR
THOOMM
TRATOR!
KRAKKK

YOU'RE A DISGRACE, JORDAN!
THOOMM
WHY ISN'T JORDAN--
WHAM
HE'S AN EARTHMAN. WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?!?
YOU SEVERED MY HAND.
KARMA BALANCES THE UNIVERSE. THIS IS MEANT TO BE.
IT'S ONLY RIGHT.

STOP.
FLAME
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, TOREN?
HE'S NOT FIGHTING BACK.
WHY ISN'T HE FIGHTING BACK?
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T MAYBE BOOSTER KA'S RIGHT.
I BETRAYED YOU.
I LEFT YOU FOR DEAD, FLOATING IN SPACE. THE MANHUNTERS TOOK YOU. THEY BROUGHT YOU HERE. I CAME TO BRING YOU HOME.
HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN HERE?
YEARS.
YEARS?!
WHY SHOULD WE TRUST HIM?
WHY SHOULD WE LISTEN TO HIM?
YOU DON'T NEED TO BUT GUY GARDNER CAME WITH ME. AND THEY TOOK HIM SOMEWHERE.
THEY...
I SEE SOMETHING OUT OF THE CORNER OF MY EYE.
A GREEN LANTERN STRUNG UP IN THE WALL.
I THINK IT'S GUY. THEN I REALIZE.
... HOW I BEAT THOSE WILLHUNTERS. THE VOICES IN MY HEAD. THEY WEREN'T ALL IMAGINARY.

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ARISIA?!
HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?

LOOK THERE'S MORE.
LASHORR. SECTOR 3453 SHE VANISHED YEARS AGO.
AND THIS S RE..OK HAG. HE D:SAPPEARED BATTL NG THE DOM NATORS.
I THOUGHT HE WAS DEAD
THIS ONE SHOULD BE.
GREEN LANTERNS NEED HELP, BOODIKKA
THE RINGS WE'RE WEARING ARE NOT EVEN OUR OWN
THE MANHUNTERS MUST'VE COLLECTED THEM AS WELL AS THE OTHERS
IT'S OBVIOUS JORDAN HAS NO INCL NAT ON TO FIGHT LS
WE NEED TO FORGET THE PAST FOR THE MOMENT AND WORK TOGETHER TO GET EVERYONE--
AARH!
FLOOM
I KNEW IT! TH S IS A TRAP! JORDAN S LED JS INTO A TRAP!
FLOOM FLOOM

NO MAN ESCAPES THE MANHUNTERS!
THOR

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IT WAS DURING A WAR BETWEEN THE CORPS AND A RENEGADE GUARDIAN THAT I FIRST MET THE GREEN LANTERN OF SECTOR 2815.
HER NAME WAS ARISIA.
I DISMISSED HER AS A KID TOO YOUNG TO BE IN THE CORPS AFTER ALL, THE ROOKIE SAID SHE WAS THIRTEEN.
WHAT I DIDN'T KNOW WAS THAT DUE TO THE ELONGATED ORBIT AROUND ITS TWO SUNS, THIRTEEN YEARS ON GRAXOS IV WERE LIKE TWO-HUNDRED AND FORTY ON EARTH
THE ALIENS OF GRAXOS IV ALSO HAD TWO HEARTS
ARISIA'S BEAM ALWAYS PULSATED WITH HER HEARTBEATS LIKE MUSIC MADE INTO LIGHT.
WE BECAME MORE THAN GREEN LANTERNS FOR AWHILE.
THAT'S WHY WHEN I WAS REBORN AS PARALLAX, SHE TOOK IT HARDER THAN CLARK OR DIANA.
EVEN BRUCE.
GUY TOLD ME SHE COULDN'T ACCEPT IT
SHE SAID I'D COME BACK
ARISIA BELIEVED THAT UNTIL THE DAY SHE DIED
SUFFOCATED BY MAJOR FORCE. WITH NO POWER RING TO PROTECT HER. NO POWER RING BECAUSE OF ME.
SHE WAS BURIED IN NEW YORK. I STOOD AT HER GRAVE.
ARISIA IS SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD

SPACE SECTOR 3607
ALL OF THESE GREEN LANTERNS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD

KREON BELIEVED YOUR STORY.
KREON DIED TRYING TO PROTECT YOU FROM US.
BUT IN TRUTH, YOU STOOD THERE WAITING FOR THE MANHUNTERS TO STRIKE.
BOOD KKA! THERE ARE OTHER GREEN LANTERNS BEING HELD HERE THAT NEED OUR HELP.
I'M NOT YOUR ENEMY RIGHT NOW.
RING STATUS REPORT. GREEN LANTERN 2002 DECEASED.
SPACE SECTOR SCAN 2002 FOR REPLACEMENT SENTIENT INITIATED.
NOT MY ENEMY?
EARTHMAN--
FWP
FWASHH
--YOU'LL NEVER BE ANYTHING ELSE.
CHOOM

HONNU, USE YOUR DAMN RING!
BAH! DON'T NEED TO!
NO MAN ESCAPES THE MANHUNTERS!
I CAN SEE GUY GARDNER INSIDE THIS GIANT, KE'HAAN! THE BIG ONES ARE POWERED BY GREEN LANTERNS!
IS THAT WHY THEY BROUGHT THE OTHERS HERE? WHY THEY BROUGHT US HERE?
THEY'LL WISH THEY HADN'T, LARA!
BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO BREAK EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM!
KRAK
KE'HAAN'S LEADING THE OTHERS BOODIKKA'S JOINING THEM
GIVES ME A CHANCE TO GET BACK TO ARISIA.
DAMN IT
I'M ON A WORLD BUILT BY THE MANHUNTERS, POWERED BY KIDNAPPED GREEN LANTERNS.
NO!
AND I STILL FEEL LIKE THE BAD GUY.

IN TIMES OF INTENSE STRESS OR DAMAGE, GRAXON TES SHUT DOWN SO THEY CAN HEAL AND EVOLVE INTO THEIR NEXT STAGE OF LIFE
ARISIA WAS BURIED ALIVE AND FORGOTTEN. THE MANHUNTERS DUG HER OUT.
SHE BELONGS TO US NOW. LIKE YOU, JORDAN. BATTERIES BROUGHT HERE TO POWER MY MANHUNTERS.
HENSHAW'S METAL LAUGHTER ECHOES IN THE HALLS.
THIS WAS ABOUT MAKING ATONEMENT.
NOW IT'S ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE.
IT'S ABOUT BRINGING ARISIA HOME.
THE LANTERNS IN THE SKY AREN'T HAVING ANY LUCK FREEING GARDNER. THEY'RE UNFOCUSED. ANGRY.
THEY NEED A HAND.
LIGHTNING TEARS THROUGH MY FOREARM AS I AMP UP. I CAN FEEL MY SKIN BURN ACROSS MY BACK AS I TAKE EVERY STRAY THOUGHT I HAVE -

--AND TOSS IT AT HENSHAW N AN AFTERBURNER THAT'S AS HOT AS THE SUN.
WHAT TH' HELL?!?
SHRAK
T CAME FROM HAL JORDAN
TRY N' TO FINISH US OFF!?
I DO NOT THINK SO, CHANCE.
PRA SE OUR L GHT, T SEEMS WE HAVE A CRACK TO EXPLOIT.
YOU CAME HERE TH NKING YOU'D RESCUE THOSE YOU BETRAYED AND ALL WOULD BE FORGIVEN.
S MPLE GOAL SIMPLE MIND.
JUST LIKE SUPERMAN.

THE GREEN LANTERNS AND THE POWER RINGS MY MANHUNTERS HAVE COLLECTED REBUILT THIS ENTIRE PLANET!
THAT POWER HAS ALSO ALLOWED THE MANHUNTERS TO EVOLVE THEIR NON-LIFE FORMS NO LONGER HUNTING ONE MAN AT A TIME
A SINGLE ONE OF MY HIGHMASTERS IS CAPABLE OF DESTROYING AN ENTIRE PLANET
AND NO PLANET NOT EVEN EARTH, WILL ESCAPE THEM
YOU'RE A PIECE OF WORK HENSHAW
OR A PIECE OF SOMETHING
AND WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? A MAN GETTING A CHANCE AT REDEMPTION?
ALONG WITH THE POWER WE SIPHON FROM OA COMES INFORMATION
SECRETS THE GUARDIANS POSSESS INCLUDING ONE THAT WILL CHANGE EVERYTHING
AND YET THEY HIDE IT FROM YOU AND THE REST OF THE CORPS
JUST LIKE THEY HIDE THE REASON WHY YOU WERE REINSTATED AND CLEARED SO QUICKLY
THE GUARDIANS USE YOU AS AN EXAMPLE
YOU CONSTANTLY QUESTIONED AND DISOBEYED THEIR ORDERS
AND LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU. YOU LOST EVERYTHING.
THE GUARDIANS SEE YOUR PRESENCE IN THE CORPS AS A WAY TO KEEP EVERYONE ELSE IN LINE

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KFFF!
GET TH S SLIME OFFA ME!
WE HAVE H M! GUY GARDNER LIVES!
THEN LET S GET CHASELON AND THE OTHERS FREE!
AR S A!?
YEAH.
I'LL... EXPLAIN EVERYTH NG LATER. I'M BACK...
I CAN SEE THAT. YOUR HA R LOOKS BETTER.
THANKS
A REUNION.
HOW SWEET FOR YOU.
YOW!
WHERE ARE WE?
ON THE MANHUNTER HOMEWORLD.
BR LLIANT HOW MANY MANHUNTERS?
RING SAID FORTY POINT THREE MILLION.
AND HOW MANY GREEN LANTERNS ARE HERE?
NOT COUNTING US, ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE. BUT NINETEEN ARE UNCONSCIOUS
AND THE OTHER SIX WANT ME DEAD MORE THAN THE ROBOTS
SO, SAME OLD SAME OLD.
PRETTY MUCH.

I MISSED THIS
I MISSED YOU.

DEATH DROID AT THREE O'CLOCK.
GOT IT.
KRSKKHH
JORDAN?
GUY? GUY, IT'S JORDAN
YOU READ ME?
YOU IN THAT MESS OF ROBOTS OVER THERE? LOOKS LIKE BEES SWARMING A HONEY COMB.
WE'VE GOT HENSHAW FOCUSED ON US
WHO THE HELL'S "WE"?
LATER TELL KILOWOG AND THE OTHERS TO FREE THE GREEN LANTERNS, JUMPING THE WALLS AND GET OFF PLANET
HEY I OUTRANK YOUR ASS! DON'T ORDER ME AROUND HAL!
MAKE YOU A DEAL THEN
I DON'T MAKE IT OUT, YOU CAN HAVE MY LITTLE BLACK BOOK. THE ONE WITH THE HOME NUMBERS.
EVEN POWER GIRL'S.
DONE AN' DONE!
LISTEN UP, TROOPS! IT'S EVAC TIME!

ALL THESE YEARS AND YOU'VE NEVER ONCE ASKED ME WHY I CHOSE COAST CITY FOR DESTRUCTION
WHY I INCINERATED EVERYONE IN IT
I DON'T CARE WHY. YOU DIDN'T
MY WIFE WAS FROM COAST CITY
SO YOU DECIDED TO ERASE EVERYTHING THAT REMINDED YOU OF HER?
LOVE IS THE CRUEL TRICK OF LIFE. ITS BOND IS BROKEN BY DEATH AND UNABLE TO BE FIXED LIKE MY NEW BODY
BY ELIMINATING ORGANIC LIFE, I ELIMINATE THE SUFFERING THAT GOES WITH IT
YOU'VE ALREADY DIED ONCE, JORDAN
NNG.
FWAP
FWAP
FWAP
BUT NOW YOU WILL FEEL TRUE PAIN. YOU WILL SEE WHY LIFE SHOULD NOT EXIST
YOU WILL BE THE BATTERY TO ONE OF MY HIGHMASTERS. YOUR BODY WILL BE DRAINED AND BROKEN DOWN INTO ENERGY OVER THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS
SEAL HIM INSIDE!
NO!

HA..!
I--
--MMMGg!!
FWAP
FWAP
FWAP
I'M SORRY I GRABBED ME. I SHOULD'VE--
DONE EXACTLY THAT
THERE'S TWO OF US IN HERE. WE CAN OVERRIDE THE WILLHUNTERS FLOWING THROUGH THIS HIGHMASTER'S VEINS JUST LIKE YOU HELPED ME OVERRIDE THEM BEFORE.
THIS WALKING PLANET DESTROYER CAN'T CONTROL US.
WE'LL CONTROL IT.
THIS IS ONLY THE FIRST STAGE OF EVOLUTION FOR ME AND MY MANHUNTERS, JORDAN!
I KNOW WHAT THE GUARDIANS ARE DOING. I KNOW THEIR SECRET.
I'M ON THE EDGE OF MY SEAT
SEE YOU LATER, HANK.
THE HIGHMASTER AMPLIFIES OUR POWER ONE HUNDRED TIMES OVER
HENSHAW WAS RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING
GOOOOMMM

THEY HAVE THE POWER TO DESTROY A PLANET.
THE HULL OF THE H GHMASTER PROTECTS LS FROM THE MMED ATE BLAST.
I SEE THE METAL MELT OFF HENSHAW S ORGANICS, LEAVING HALF OF A TORSO AND HEAD
FOR A MOMENT, HE S WHAT HE SO DESPERATELY DOESN'T WANT TO BE
HUMAN.
AND THEN HE'S GONE.
HENSHAW BEL EVES DEATH DESTROYS EVERYTH NG
YOu OKAY?
I WAS ABOUT TO ASK YOU THE SAME TH NG
HE COULDN'T BE MORE WRONG.

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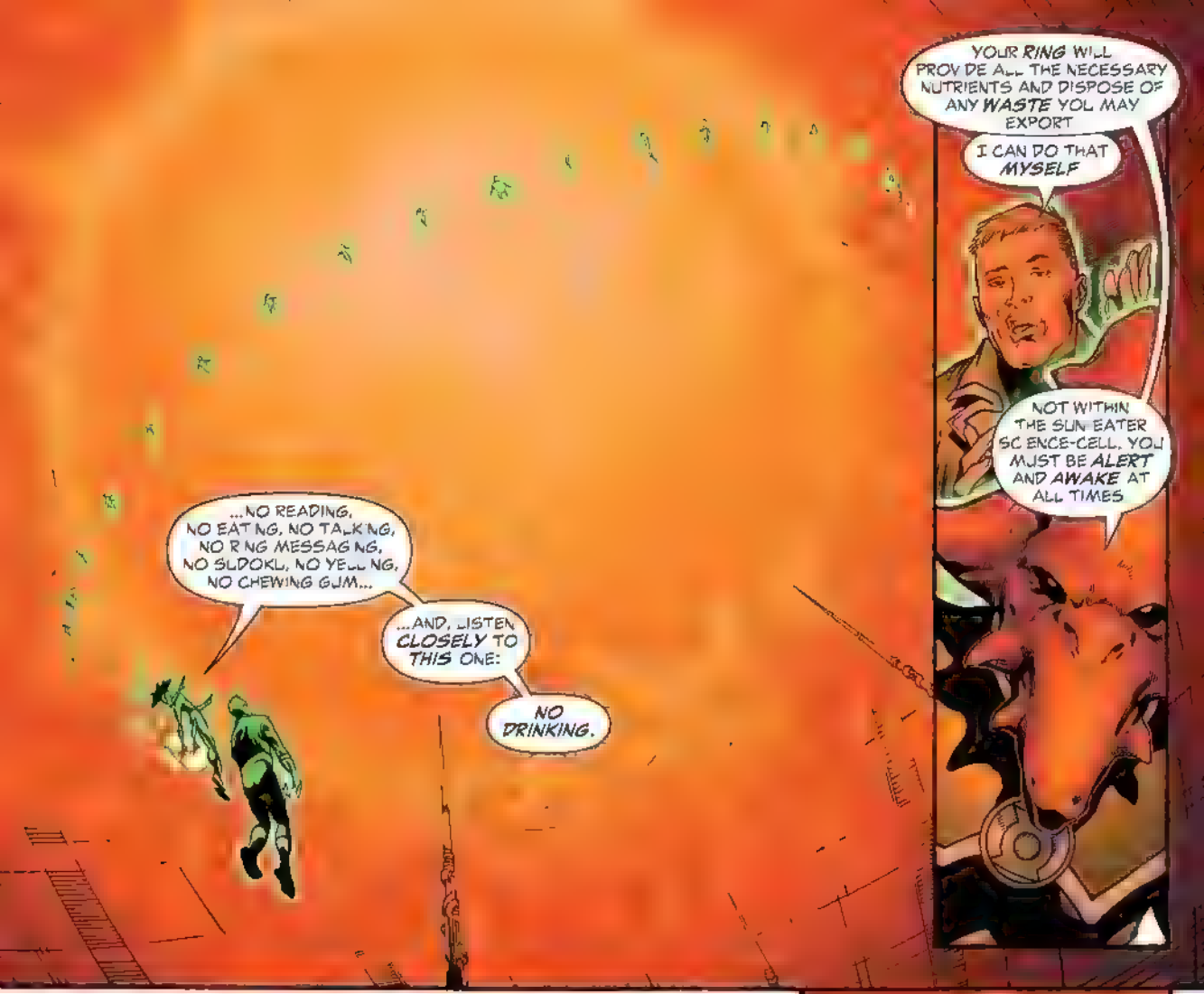
CITADEL OF THE GUARDIANS
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS, GUY
YOU THINK I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE LYIN' ABOUT WHAT THE SMURFS SAID? PLEASE
I CAN TAKE WHATEVER THEY CAN DISH OUT
YOU STILL STAND BY YOUR STATEMENT, GUY GARDNER?
THAT YOU AUTHORIZED HAL JORDAN'S MISSION INTO SECTOR 3601?
YUP. AND ACCORDIN' TO THE BOOK OF OA, A MEMBER OF THE HONOR GUARD--LIKE ME--GETS TA BREAK THE RULES THREE TIMES BEFORE EXPULSION.
WE BELIEVE YOU ARE DOING WHAT MANY EARTHMEN DO. YOU ARE "COVERING."
SALAKK WARNED US THIS WAS TO BE EXPECTED
AND HE HAS ALREADY PREPARED YOUR PUNISHMENT.
PUNISHMENT?
PRIME DUTY.
PRIME DUTY?
ONE MONTH.
FREAKIN' GREAT...
AND AS FOR YOU, HAL JORDAN, YOUR REQUEST IS UNORTHODOX.
NO! THE BOOK OF OA STATES THAT SPACE SECTOR 3601 IS FORBIDDEN.
AND WE WILL NOT REWRITE THE BOOK OF OA.
THE A.I. FORENSICS UNIT NEEDS TO DO A TECH SWEEP OF THE ENTIRE AREA. YOU NEED TO EXPAND THE CORPS TO COVER SECTOR 3601. RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS--
BUT THERE'S NO DOUBT IN ANYONE'S MIND THAT HANK HENSHAW'S CONSCIOUSNESS SURVIVED. HE'LL TAKE IT UPON HIMSELF TO REBUILD THE MANHUNTERS.

THE CHEERS ECHO THROUGH THE CITADEL.
I CAN'T HELP BUT FOLLOW THEM.
JORDAN.
ALL THE LANTERNS WE PULLED OUTTA THERE BESIDES US
...NO TELLING IF THEY WOULD'VE *EVER* BEEN FOUND
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE *FORGET*.
YOU STAY *CLEAR*. WE WILL TOO
HAL.

THANK YOU, HAL.
NO, THANK YOU, ARISIA.


...NO READING, NO EATING, NO TALKING, NO RINGMESSAGING, NO SUDOKU, NO YELLING, NO CHEWING GUM...
...AND, LISTEN CLOSELY TO THIS ONE:
NO DRINKING.
YOUR RING WILL PROVIDE ALL THE NECESSARY NUTRIENTS AND DISPOSE OF ANY WASTE YOU MAY EXPORT
I CAN DO THAT MYSELF
NOT WITHIN THE SUN-EATER SCIENCE-CELL. YOU MUST BE ALERT AND AWAKE AT ALL TIMES

TA MAKE SURE THE RED SUN KEEPIN' THIS KID IN HIS PLACE DON'T BURN OUT. I KNOW. I KNOW
MARKOT FIVE, YOU ARE RELIEVED OF DUTY
I WILL SEE YOU IN FOUR WEEKS, GUY GARDNER

"BROTHERS AND SISTERS."

". SHALL WE QUESTION SUPERBOY-PRIME?"
"NO. NOT YET."
"HE IS UNAWARE AT THIS JUNCTURE."
BUT HANK HENSHAW WAS FUSED WITH IN THE SOURCE WALL. HE EXPLORED SPACE SECTOR 3601. HE MUST BE FOUND AND INTERROGATED.
YOU BELIEVE HENSHAW AND HIS MANHUNTERS DISCOVERED THE PATH WITHIN SPACE SECTOR 3601?
WE BUILT THE MANHUNTERS BLIND TO THE PATH. BUT IF ANYONE IS CAPABLE OF FINDING IT IT WILL MOST LIKELY BE A CURIOUS EARTHMAN
SO WE HAVE ALL COME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION. THE NEED FOR THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS HAS BECOME QUITE CLEAR.
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NOW...
WHICH ONE OF US IS GOING AFTER HANK HENSHAW?
THE END?

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GREEN LANTERN MUST BATTLE THE SINS OF HIS PAST...HEAD ON!

Hal Jordan — the Green Lantern of space sector 2814 — has much to atone for. Possessed by an alien entity, Jordan once dismantled the entire Green Lantern Corps, killing many friends in the process.

Now he has regained the trust of his friends and allies and is rebuilding his life as a member of the Corps, a defender of Earth and a human being.

But fate won't let Jordan move beyond his past. The Green Lanterns Jordan thought he had killed may still be alive...and crying for his blood.

Now, to save the missing Lanterns, Jordan will travel deep into the heart of enemy territory and take on yet another threat from his past. But if he survives, the reward may be much greater than just redemption...

Writer Geoff Johns (INFINITE CRISIS) continues to reestablish Green Lantern as one of the greatest heroes in the universe, with the help of artists Carlos Pacheco (SUPERMAN/BATMAN), Ethan Van Sciver (GREEN LANTERN: REBIRTH) and Ivan Reis (RANN-THANAGAR WAR).